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SUBJECT: GAMASI INTERVIEW

1. AHRAH JAN 28 QUOTES FROM INTERVIEW GRANTED BY MINWAR GENERAL GAMASI TO FRENCH TELEVISION. GAMASI IS QUOTED AS SAYING "IF ISRAEL DOES NOT WITHDRAW SOON, IT WILL BECOME INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL FIGHT". HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE NUCLEAR WAR IS POSSIBLE IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT IT MIGHT ERUPT IN MORE DISTANT FUTURE, ENDANGERING WHOLE AREA. HE REFUSED TO REPLY TO QUESTION ON WHETHER EGYPT WILL RECEIVE SOPHISTICATED SOVIET WEAPONS AS RESULT OF HIS DECEMBER VISIT TO MOSCOW.

2. ON LEBANON, HE SAID ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL WILL MEET FEB 5: "IF ISRAEL OCCUPIED SOUTH LEBANON, SITUATION WOULD BE MORE COMPLICATED AND WHOLE AREA WOULD SLIP INTO VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION."

3. CAIRO PRESS JAN 25 PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM GAMASI'S INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE MAGAZINE AL-HAWADITH. REPORTEDLY, GAMASI TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT IF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO ME, GRAVE SITUATION WOULD BE CREATED. "IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD

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